

Applicants wish to point out that in the response filed on October 15, 2002,

Applicants traversed the restriction requirement. In the event the Examiner did not find the traversal persuasive, applicants elected Group I and SEQ ID NO:2 in order to be fully responsive. *See* page 7, last paragraph of the Response filed on October 15, 2002 (a copy of which is attached hereto).

However, in order to be fully responsive, Applicants again elect Group I and SEQ ID NO:2 without prejudice to pursuing the subject matter of the remaining claims in divisional and/or continuation applications.

Respectfully submitted,



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